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PATENT

In re application of: Mohammad A. Heidaran et al. Attorney Docket No.: DEYP014

Application No.: 09/805,816

Examiner: Liliana Di Nola-Baron

Filed: March 13, 2001

Group: 1615

Title: METHOD OF INDUCING OR
ENHANCING CHONDROGENESIS WITH
EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX
CONTAINING BMP-4

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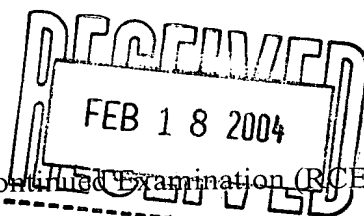
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 CFR §1.114)**

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
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Fee Calculation (37 CFR §1.16)

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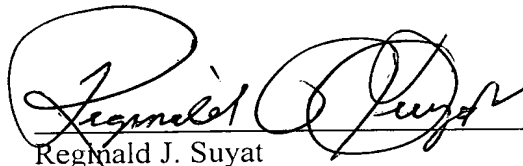
- ☒ a. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time.
- ☐ b. Applicant believes that no (additional) extension of time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant hereby petitions that such an extension be granted and authorizes the Director to charge the required fees for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☐ c. Enclosed is our Check No. 8609 in the amount of \$1,720.00 to cover the RCE fee, extension of time and additional fees.
- ☒ d. The Director is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. DEYP014)

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